

SITUATION REPORT NO. 28
INCIDENT NO. 97-003
DATE: February 12, 1997 TIME: 12:00 p.m.

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Winter storms and blizzard conditions statewide.
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGES: No change from previous reports.
4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:

LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: No change from previous reports.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: The Disaster Field Office (DFO) staff has received 166 Notice of Interests (NOIs) to participate in the public assistance program. NOIs have been submitted by: one rural water district; three Indian Reservations; two state agencies; 42 counties; and 118 cities. Officials in 14 counties reported that all NOIs have been received for their counties.

Since satellite offices were opened on February 6, state and federal inspectors have been working with city and county officials to develop Damage Survey Reports (DSRs). Inspectors assigned to the Devils Lake office have visited eight counties and 14 cities. Inspectors at the Valley City office visited five counties and six cities. Minot inspectors traveled to nine counties and six cities, and Bismarck inspectors visited nine counties and 23 cities.

National Guard dozer crews were continuing efforts to remove snow on February 12 in Barnes, Dickey, Eddy, Foster, Grant, Griggs, LaMoure, Logan, Nelson, Ransom and Stutsman Counties. The 13 missions in progress are staffed by 66 Army Guard and two Air Guard members who are operating the following equipment: 30 dozers; 29 tractor-trailers; 32 support vehicles; and one grader.

Three Divide County cities, Ambrose, Crosby and Noonan, have issued emergency

declarations. Since winter storms first struck the state, 52 counties, 75 cities and three Indian Reservations have issued emergency or disaster declarations. Billings and Golden Valley Counties subsequently withdrew their declarations.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER: The National Weather Service expects temperatures to be in the teens throughout the state on February 12. Wind speeds will range from 15 to 25 miles per hour (mph) in the west and 15 to 20 mph in the east. A possibility of light snow in the evening exists throughout the state. The extended forecast calls for areas of blowing snow in the east on February 13 and a chance of snow on February 15. Temperatures could range from a low of five below to highs in the 20s.

The N.D. Road Report for February 12 indicated that roads are covered with snow and that drifting snow was occurring throughout the state. Icy and slushy conditions were reducing traffic speeds.

The N.D. Division of Emergency Management's Situation Reports and photos of snow removal efforts are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is: "<http://www.state.nd.us/dem>".

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